

**SSB 5133 - S AMD 131**

By Senators Bailey, Kohl-Welles

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The joint legislative audit and  
4 review committee shall conduct a review of the available data on  
5 higher education costs at the state universities, regional  
6 universities, and The Evergreen State College.

7 (2)(a) The review must describe the available cost data for each  
8 institution and the available cost data for students over the most  
9 recent twenty-year period, including the cost of:

- 10 (i) Research;
- 11 (ii) Faculty and staff salaries;
- 12 (iii) Administration;
- 13 (iv) Health care and benefits;
- 14 (v) Capital;
- 15 (vi) Student services;
- 16 (vii) Textbooks; and
- 17 (viii) Student housing.

18 (b) The review must also compare whether this data is available  
19 for institutions and students in the global challenge states.

20 (c) The review shall use information already available and report  
21 where there are gaps in the information sought under this section.  
22 The education data center in the office of financial management and  
23 the institutions of higher education must provide data and staff  
24 support to the committee to assist with completing the review.

25 (3) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall issue  
26 a report to the legislature by January 2016.

27 (4) This section expires July 1, 2016."

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1        On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "education" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "costs; creating a new section; and  
3 providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Clarifies that JLARC must conduct a review of the available data on higher education costs. Directs that the Education Research and Data Center and the institutions of higher education must provide data and staff support to JLARC to assist with completing the review. Changes the reporting date to January 2016, from December 31, 2015.

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